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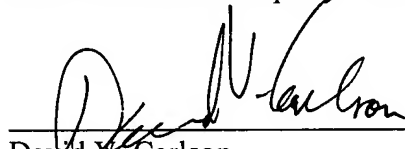
reference AI, which provides an English language abstract regarding the German patent publication.

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